# Grace Lutheran Worship Folder

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## Grace Lutheran Church

## **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."

## **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### WELCOME

**PRELUDE** "Holy, Holy," Bell Choir (Sunday)

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(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

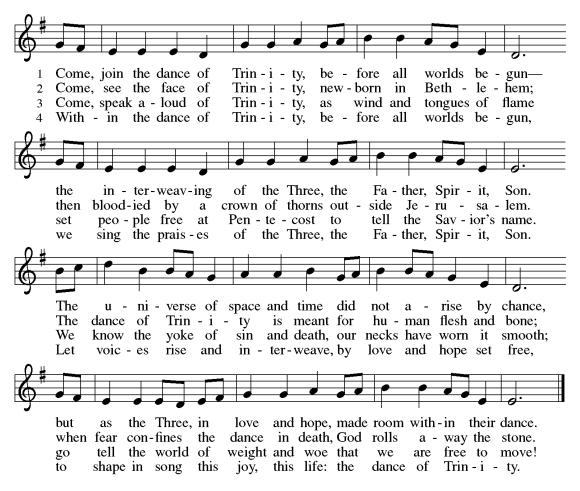
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: We belong to Christ Jesus and we are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, our sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, we are a new creation.

C: Amen.



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#### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE (verses 1 & 4)





#### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





**P:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

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## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

**L:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 8

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

- <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### **Romans 5:1-5**

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

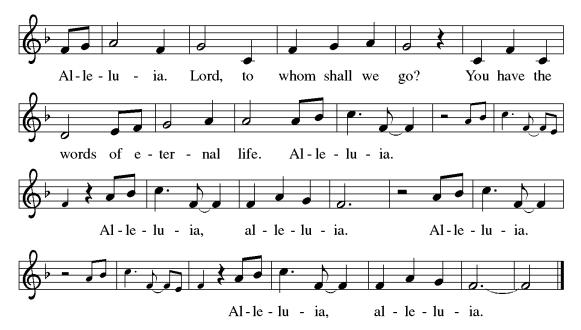
L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**P:** The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

### John 16:12-15

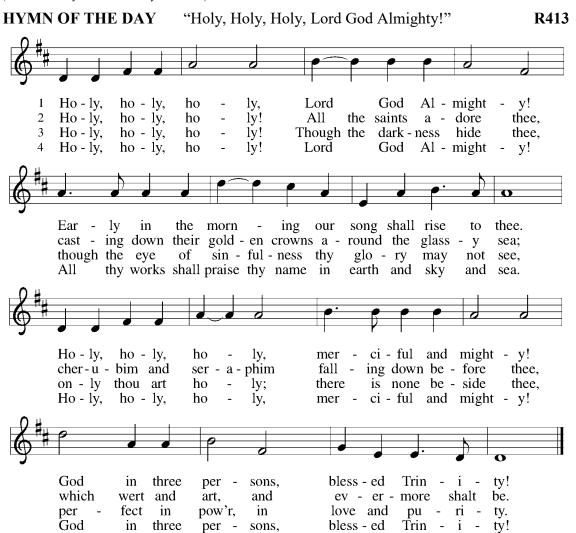
Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **HOMILY**



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#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

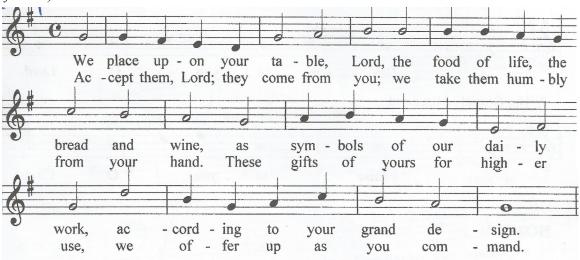
(Response after each petition)

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** (the assembly stands as they are comfortable and sings as the gifts are brought forward)



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P: Let us pray...Creator God,

C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

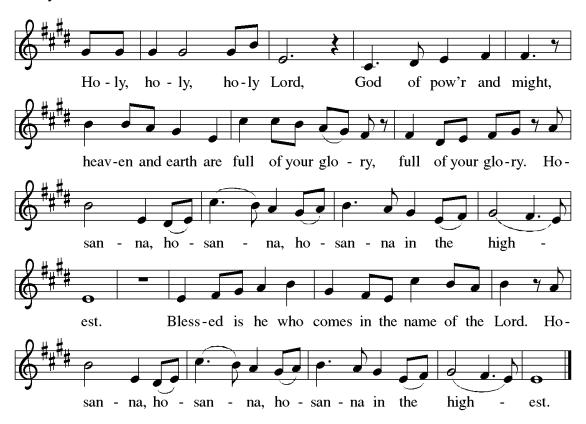
P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...(concluding)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

- P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way...(concluding)...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.

- P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen
- C: Amen.
- P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

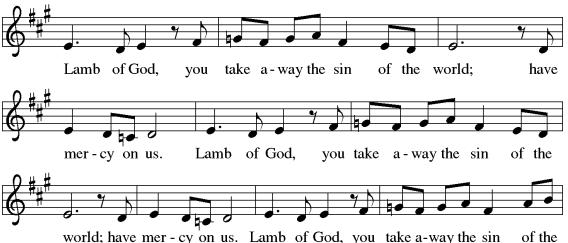
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The kingdom of God is set before us. Eat and rejoice.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)





Text: African American spiritual

Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray...Loving God,

C: you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

P: The love of God abound in us; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill our hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless us and give us peace.

C: Amen.



- 1 Come, thou al might y King, help us thy name to sing;
- 2 Come, thou in car nate Word, mer ci ful, might y Lord; 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
- 3 Come, ho ly Com fort er, thy sa cred wit ness bear 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; our prayer at - tend. in this glad hour! hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy al - might - y Thou who art, rule now in Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in



- ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days. word suc-cess, and let thy righ - teous-ness on us de scend. ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r. glo - ry see, and to e ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

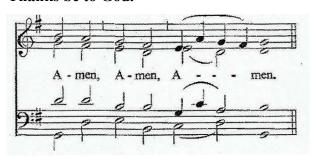
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



#### **POSTLUDE**

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

#### COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Celebration of Izzy's 17th Birthday With All Our Love The Szymanski Family

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

Hope Kamyszek, Bill Whitscell, Adam Kamyszek, Kelly Pankey, Joanne Kindt, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski -- Will Stafford (Rich & Sherie McTaggart's grandson), Becky & Dante, Lyle Beck, Candy & Tom Laughlin, Alfonse & Margaret Kamyszek, Michelle, Sandra Christopherson, Joan Vanover, Clayton Peters, Bonnie Urlaub, Paige Lancewicz, Randy Thiem, Mychele Allmacher, Deborah Al-Duwaisan, Julie Stafford, Daphne Flack, Dixie Crevier, Brenda Donajkowski, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, Herb Schiller, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, and Joseph Hansen.

Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for the Sunday Supper Program at Trinity Episcopal Church. Our Synod Prayer Partners for this week: Bethlehem Lutheran Church/Grand Rapids, Rev. Karsten Voskuil (RCA); and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

#### PRAYER LETTERS

**Please sign** the prayer letter(s) each week that we send out telling other churches and ministries they have been included in our prayers. Fill the page with our names. The letter(s) are on the podium by the table in the Office Lobby.

#### **ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - JUNE 15**

#### Gospel of Luke, Chapter 8

We continue on in our reading of Luke, asking how the current chapter and passage is connected to what has come before it. And how that informs our understanding of it and the whole Gospel. Even if you have not had the chance to join us before come and be part of the discussion and sharing of ideas. See you at 11 in Lounge.

#### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

#### Sunday June 29th following Worship

Purpose: Adoption of the new Grace Lutheran Constitution

Congregation Council has called a Special Congregation Meeting for the purpose of adopting a new Congregation Constitution. The meeting shall be at 11 AM on Sunday, June 29th at Grace Lutheran. Anyone wishing to view the Constitution may do so at the church office, or pick up a printed copy or have it emailed to them.

#### RANDOM ACT OF GRACE - STARLITE CLEAN UP - JUNE 30 AT 5:30 PM

We're going down to the Park and Beach to clean up again, helping Alpena welcome our July 4th visitors. Join us for a good time and pizza. Will do some work and then have supper together. Sign up sheet in the Office Lobby.

#### THE STORY PROPERTY - HOW SHOULD WE USE IT?

Our empty lot across the street, the former home of Homer Story, is a resource for the church. Council is seeking ideas of how it can be used to support the ministry and mission of the church and be of benefit to the community. Let's brainstorm and see what use we can put it to. Send your ideas to the Church Office. Thanks.

#### **MEMORIAL & GIFT LIST**

Several years ago, Grace established the Memorial and Gift List. The List is comprised of items that have come from suggestions of the Work Groups or individuals through the Work Groups to support the ministry and mission of Grace Lutheran. Council then selects the ones to be placed on the Memorial and Gift List in a range of costs so that as memorials or gifts come in the donor may designate the gift toward a specific item until sufficient funds accumulate to purchase it.

#### **OUILTERS RUMMAGE SALE**

The Quilters Rummage Sale is coming soon...Friday & Saturday, August 22 & 23. Donations of items will be greatly appreciated. Please no pieces of furniture or other large items. Also, please keep your items until close to the dates, so moving them from the basement to the Fellowship Hall is eliminated. Thank you in advance!

#### 150TH BALLOONS - ARE THEY EVER GOING TO FALL??????

It's been a year since our 150th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner. Three balloons are still floating. And *ONLY TWO* people's guesses are still possible. You can still enter your guess when the last one will fall down. The PRIZE is getting bigger all the time.

## JUNETEENTH PROGRAM PRESENTED BY THE MLK COMMITTEE HERE AT GRACE - THURSDAY JUNE 19TH AT 7 PM

**The Union Army and Juneteenth**, a program on the experiences of the Union soldiers as they enforced the Emancipation Proclamation presented by Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis. This free program is open to the community. See Pastor Tom for more information.

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

#### MAY 22, 2025 6:00 P.M. GRACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Secretary's minutes approved by Council as printed

Correspondence and Communication-transfer in Delores and George Curtis Membership by Proclamation and Faith -Martin Marva Letter to transfer out - Vicki Piontkowski to St. Paul Lutheran, Alpena

Pastor's report - see Council minutes . (Posted near office)

Treasurer's/Finance Report- given by Dennis Werblow accepted by Council. See posted minutes.

Work Group Reports-

Discipleship

ReBoot - brief report given Donna Morgan and Pastor Orth Syzmanski Run/Walk in memory of Ryan Marie - June 21

Beach Clean June 30

Block Party - August 6

Rummage sale for quilters - August 22 &23

Little Food Pantry - given by Mary Lappan discussion and going well

Picnic tables possibly across the street on Story property

Education - report given by Elsa Phillips - Sunday school ended and will continue in the fall

Fellowship -report given by Donna Morgan - Taco night a great success and upcoming activities discussed - beach clean up June 30, block party August 6, rummage sale August 22 and 23.

Finance and Stewardship - given by Jessica Slominski and Dennis Werblow

Property - given by Ed Czarnecki -detailed report with slides

Worship - discussion on banners, Claire gone for her wedding and honeymoon June 28 thru July 13

Old Business - Constitution accepted by the Synod and now meeting scheduled for our acceptance on June 29, 2025. Asking a church members to attend.

New Business - discussion on Memorial and Gift Policy, discussion on our policy on attaching plaques, and new copier in the office.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting scheduled for August 19 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK!**

Sunday -15th	
8:50 am	Choir Practice
9:30 am	Worship
11:00 am	Adult CE - Lounge
Monday - 16th	_
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
6:00 pm	Alpena Figure Skating
-	Club - Hall
Tuesday - 17th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
9:00 am	Sewing/Quilting
11:00 am	Pastors Text Study -
	Lounge
Wednesday - 18tl	h

1:00 pm	
6:00 pm	

8am-noon

Thursday - 19th	
8am-noon	Church Office Open
8am-2pm	Kitchen Reserved
7:00 pm	Juneteenth Program -
•	Fellowship Hall

Bell Choir

Church Office Open

Ruth Circle - 19th Hole

#### Friday - 20th

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8ar	n-2pm	Kitchen Reserved

### Saturday - 21st

5:00 pm	Worship
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#### **SERVING JUNE 14/15**

VIII G G G T I I I I I
God's People
Rev. Tom Orth
Claire Witt
animentKat Tomaszewski
Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith
Corinne Fraley
Chris Christopherson, June Daly
Rich & Sherie McTaggart
Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske
Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter,
Don LaBarre, Alex Struble
Cheryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,
Cindy Suszek
Jeff & Sandy Welch

#### **SERVING JUNE 21/22**

SERVING GENE 21/22		
Ministers	God's People	
Pastor	Rev. Tom Orth	
Music Director	Claire Witt	
Recorded Accomp	panimentKat Tomaszewski	
Comm. Asst	Sherie McTaggart, JoAnn Smith	
Lector	Cindy Domrase	
UshersWayne &	Chris Christopherson, June Daly	
Greeters	Rick & Sharon Engstrom	
Altar Guild	Kathy Piontkowski, Kelli Liske	
Livestream TeamDawn Anderson, Jan Charter,		
	Don LaBarre, Alex Struble	
Counters	Cheryl Lang, Sherie McTaggart,	
	Cindy Suszek	
Coffee Hour	Anne Gentry, Brandi Stone,	

Jo Ann Smith

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